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SUBJECT: GOH PROVIDES SOME REASSURANCES TO REYNOLDS

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 2431

1. IN LETTER NO. SDCI-060 DATED DECEMBER 17 AND ADDRESSED TO E.F. SIKOROVSKY, VICE PRESIDENT OF REYNOLDS HAITIAN MINES, CARE OF ATTORNEY GEORGES LEGER, PORT AU PRINCE, HAITIAN SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOURCAND PROVIDED SOME OF THE ASSURANCES WHICH COMPANY DESIRED RE FUTURE OPERATIONS. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SUBSTANTIVE TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. QTE I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM TO YOU THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING THE COURSE OF OUR RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE REPUBLIC.

QTE (1) EXPORT PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED ON A MONTHLY BASIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN A MANNER WHICH WILL ASSURE CONTINUITY AND SPEED IN REYNOLDS' OPERATIONS;

QTE (2) REYNOLDS IS INVITED TO ESTABLISH IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF ITS INSTALLATIONS AT MIRAGOANE A RADIO-COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, WHICH WILL OPERATE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TELECO;

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QTE (3) THE HAITIAN STATE HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE FACT THAT REYNOLDS WISHES TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF A DEFINITIVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE OVER-ALL FISCAL ARRANGEMENT BASED ON THE REMOVAL TAX AS WELL AS THE QUESTION OF A QUANTITATIVE DEFINITION OF THE GRADE OF AN INGOT OF PRIMARY ALUMINUM.

QTE (4) THE CLAIM OF THE HAITIAN STATE FOR BACK TAXES IS BASED UPON TAX STATEMENTS MADE BY REYNOLDS IN HAITI AND IN JAMAICA AND ALSO UPON THE LINK ESTABLISHED BY REYNOLDS HAITIAN MINES INC. ITSELF BETWEEN HAITIAN AND JAMAICAN BAUXITE. THIS CLAIM HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR LEGAL COUNSELOR, WHO WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ENTER INTO CONTACT WITH THE HAITIAN FISCAL AUTHORITIES FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION WHICH WOULD BE PROFITABLE FOR BOTH PARTIES, SO THAT THE OPERATIONS OF REYNOLDS IN HAITI CAN BE CONTINUED IN A HARMONIOUS MANNER AND IN A SPIRIT OF STEADFAST COOPERATION.

QTE (5) ALTHOUGH THE ANALYSES MADE OF SAMPLES TAKEN EXCLUSIVELY BY HAITIAN OFFICIALS GAVE DIFFERENT RESULTS FROM THOSE FURNISHED BY REYNOLDS, THE HAITIAN STATE HAS CONFIDENCE IN A FUTURE OF FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN ITSELF AND REYNOLDS. PROOF OF THIS CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE IS GIVEN BY THE DECREE OF DECEMBER 4 WHICH STIPULATES THAT FROM NOW ON THE ANALYSES WILL BE MADE BY THE TWO PARTIES WORKING IN COLLABORATION. UNQTE
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